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SUBJ : DISARMAMENT: SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON NAPALM

1. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS WAS GIVEN TO US BY SWEDISH DELEGATION WITH REQUEST FOR COMMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECALLING THAT IN RES. 2932(XVII) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WELCOMED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS (A/8803 REV.1) AND EXPRESSED ITS CONVICTION THAT THE WODESPREAD USE OF MANY WEAPONS AND THE EMERGENCE OF NEW MEANS OF WARFARE THAT CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR ARE INDISCRIMATE CALL URGENTLY FOR RENEWED EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENTS TO SEEK, THROUGH LEGAL MEANS, THE PROHIBITION OF USE OF SUCH WEAPONS AND OF INDISERMINATE AND CRUEL METHODS OF WARFARE AND, IF POSSIBLE, THROUGH MEASURES OF DISARMAMENT, THE ELIMINATION OF SPCIFIC, ESPECIALLY CRUEL OR INDISCRIMINATE WEAPONS;

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RECALLING THAT IN RES. 3076(XXVIII) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TOOK NOTE OF GOVERNMENT COMMENTS TO THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS (A/9207) AND OF THE WIDESPREAD WISH THAT INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF USE OF THESE WEAPONS; RECALLING FURTHER THAT BY THE SAME RESOLUTION THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY POINTED TO THE EXTENSIVE FACTUAL REPORT PREPARED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ICRC ENTITLED WEAPONS THAT MAY CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS, COVERING INTER ALIA, HIGH-VELOCITY PROJECTILES, BLAST AND FRAGMENTATION WEAPONS, TIME -DELAY WEAPONS AND INCENDIARY WEAPONS, AND ENDORSED THE CONCLUSION OF THE REPORT THAT INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW AND ACTION REGARDING WEAPONS OF THESE KINDS WAS CALLED FOR. RECALLING LASTLY THAT BY RES. 2932 (XXVII) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDERED THAT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE USE OF SUCH WEAPONS SHOULD BE EXAMINED WITHOUT DELAY AND THAT POSITIVE RESULTS IN THIS REGARD WERE LIKELY TO FACILITATE SUBSTANTIVE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TO THE ELIMINATION OF PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING AND PROLIFERATION OF THE WEAPONS IN QUESTION, WHICH SHOULD BE THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE, AND INVITED THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF THE USE OF NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS, AS WELL AS OTHER SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS AND TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON RULES PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING THE USE OF SUCH WEAPONS. TAKING NOTE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE FIRST SESSION OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AND HIS REPORT ON THE CONFERENCE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ICRC, OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS TO STUDY IN DEPTH THE QUESTION OF THE PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF USE OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS; WELCOMING THE ACTIVE WORK OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AND THE CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS ON THE QUESTION OF PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF USE OF SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, AND NOTING THAT THIS WORK, WHICH HAS COMPRISED AN UNCLASSIFIED

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EXAMINATION OF ALL CATEGORIES OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, HAS RESULTED NOT ONLY IN THE EMERGENCE OF NEW VALUABLE DATA BUT ALSO IN SUGGESTIONS AND CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR POSSIBLE BANS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS; AWARE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES RAISED BY SUCH SUGGESTIONS AND PROPOSALS AND THE NEED FELT BY SEVERAL

GOVERNMENTS TO EXAMINE THOROUGHLY ALL NOW AVAILABLE DATA AND TO UNDERTAKE SOME FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS; WHICH MAY PERMIT THEM TO REACH WELL-FOUNDED CONCLUSIONS; CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR BROAD AGREEMENT UPON ANY PROHIBITIOUS OR RESTRICTIONS WHICH MAY BE CONTEMPLATED AND OF THE NEED FOR A FURTHER CONCRETELY FOCUSSED EXPERT DISCUSSION TO SEEK SUCH AGREEMENT;

TAKING NOTE, WITH APPRECIATION, OF THE EXPRESSED REDINESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS TO CONVOKE A SECOND CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS, WHICH WOULD RECEIVE AND CONSIDER NEW INFORMATION AND FOCUS ON SUCH CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AS HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF -OR MAY BECOME THE SUBJECT OF PROPOSED BANS OR RESTRICTIONS OF USE AND STUDY THE POSSIBILITY, CONTENTS AND FORMS OF SUCH PROPOSED BANS OR RESTRICTIONS,

1. URGES ALL GOVERNMENTS TO EXAMINE THE CONSIDERABLE BODY OF FACTS WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE MATTER AND TO COMPILE WITHOUT DELAY SUCH SUPPLEMENTARY DATA AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THEM TO FOCUS UPON CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS;

2. APPEALS TO ALL GOVERNMENTS TO BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT MUCH SUFFERING MAY BE AVOIDED, IF GENERAL AGREEMENT CAN BE ATTAINED ON THE PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF USE OF SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO CAUSE EXCESSIVE SUFFERING OR BE LIKELY TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS AND ACCORDINGLY, TO CONSIDER IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT THE PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ADVANCES OR MAY BE ADVANCEKD TO THIS END.

3. INVITES THE DIPLOMATIC CONVERENCE ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, TO CONTINUE ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION OF THE USE OF NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS AS WELL AS OTHER SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY UNCLASSIFIED

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BE DEEMED TO CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECT AND ITS SEARCH FOR AGREEMENT ON RULES PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING THE USE OF SUCH WEAPONS AND, IN THIS CONTEXT, TO EXAMINE THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS,

4. REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WHO HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AS A OBSERVER, TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTIETH SESSIONS ON ASPECTS OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE RELEVANT TO THE PRESENT RESOLUTION. END TEXT. SCALI

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